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## EDUCATION

### **Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY**

Received J.D., June 1998

Specialized in Intellectual Property Law and Trial Law, Member of the Cardozo Trial Team 1998

**Admitted to the Washington Bar, May 2005**

### **Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY**

B.A. (Double Major) Physics and Science, Technology and Society (STS), May 1993

**Honors in Physics**

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Aaron M. Lukoff and Associates PLLC, Bellingham, WA**

Attorney, May 2017 to May 2019

Private criminal practice: I am the lead felony attorney for the firm, but I also handle misdemeanor matters, court coverage across the entire state, legal research, brief writing, community outreach, marketing and client interviews.

### **Hahm & Tavel PLLC, Seattle, WA**

Attorney/Partner, May 2005 to May 2017

Private criminal practice, handling mostly felonies, some DUIs and all other criminal charges, mediation and Alternate Dispute Resolution, some personal injury work, civil litigation and intellectual property law (trademarks, patents and copyrights). Most of my cases were as a Conflict Attorney for the King County Office of Public Defense.

### **King County District Court, Seattle, WA**

Pro-Tem Judge, November 2013 to November 2018

Completed Pro-Tem Judges training and sworn in as a King County District Court Pro-Tem Judge. Handling all aspects of District Court duties – civil cases, criminal cases, name changes, no contact orders, etc.

### **CPApartner, Redmond, WA**

General Counsel / Director of Business Development, November 2007 to May 2009

Overseeing all legal needs for CPApartner (contracts, IP, licensing, etc.). Developing strategies for business development, marketing and advertising. Meeting with clients to help them develop business development strategies and corporate direction.

### **Associated Counsel for the Accused, Seattle**

Attorney, April 2006 to November 2007

Covered a caseload of 45+ new cases per month. Handled over 1000 cases, 12 trials and multiple motions. Cases covered misdemeanor criminal charges, some traffic infractions and dependency court.

### **DeVry University, Chicago**

National Curriculum Manager, Game and Simulation Programming, March 2005 to August 2006

Developed curriculum guides, evaluated textbooks, assisted in hiring faculty, wrote resource materials, coordinated national roll-out of the program, developed PR and advertising concepts for the first national game development bachelor's program in the US.

### **CMIT, Victoria, BC, Canada**

Program Director, August 2004 to January 2005

Fully developed and taught a new curriculum for training programmers and artists for work in the video game industry, and hired faculty for the on-going position.

### **Third Wave Games, Virtual (Seattle/London/Melbourne)**

Co-Founder, Design and Business Development, February 2004 to August 2006

Performed all tasks related to Design, IP creation, Business Development, Fund-Raising, Sales and Marketing, for a new downloadable games company (building downloadable PC games – [www.warworld.net](http://www.warworld.net)).

**Absolute Games Pty. Ltd.,** Caulfield South, Victoria, Australia

Owner, March 2003 to August 2004

Founded and oversaw all operations of a collectables and games retail outlet and multi-media tournament center. Absolute Games also had three development wings: video games and non-electronic games, and toys. Lead Designer and Head of Sales and Marketing for both games divisions and toy division. Responsible for the creation and development of all IP and storylines.

**Blue Tongue Software,** Melbourne, Australia

Creative Director, August 2002 to November 2003.

Developed game designs, created new properties, developed new business relationships across a multitude of industries, assisted with fund raising, directed public relations, advertising, sales and marketing, toy and brand development and assisting with day-to-day operations.

**Interactive Imagination,** Seattle, WA

Co-Founder, Member Board of Directors, August 1999 to August 2002

President and CEO, August 1999 to April 2000.

Creative Director, April 2000 to August 2002.

Wrote the original business plan for multi-media entertainment company. Acted as spokesman for all fund-raising from August 1999 to October 2001. Acted as spokesman for all forms of media, August 1999 to August 2002. Designed Magi-Nation, and all related commercial titles: Magi-Nation Duel the Collectible Card Game, Magi-Nation role-playing game for the Color Game Boy. Developed Magi-Nation the novel, much of the design and functionality of the Magi-Nation website and all Magi-Nation advertising copy. Acted as Executive Producer and Creative Director on the Magi-Nation Color Game Boy game. Magi-Nation, the Collectible Card Game grossed nearly \$10 million in retail sales since October of 2000, was in the top 10 Collectible Card games for 18 straight months and was rated as high as #3 for the first quarter of 2001. The Magi-Nation role-playing game for the Color Game Boy won a silver medal Editor's Choice award from Electronic Gaming Monthly, was rated as the #9 Color Game Boy Game of 2001, one of the top 100 all-time games for the Color Game Boy and sold more than 80,000 units. Magi-Nation has garnered several awards and accolades from print and on-line magazines for both the card game and the video game. Nominated for the Game Manufacturer's Association award for best Collectible Card game of 2001 and the Inquest Gamers Award for Best Collectible Card Game for 2001. Magi-Nation is currently airing on Saturday mornings on the kids WB.

**Nintendo of America,** Redmond, WA

Product Manager, November 1998 to August 1999

Wrote marketing summaries, designed packaging and informational materials, performed product demonstrations and assisted in many areas of software design, development, marketing and acquisition.

**Bloomberg LLP,** New York, NY

Accounts Specialist, July 1997 to June 1998

Worked as a special assistant to the CFO. Designed informational pages for the Bloomberg Network. Wrote instructional materials for newly acquired accounting software and designed accounting download protocols.

**The New School for Social Research,** New York, NY

Professor, June 1993 to May 2002

Designed 'The Nature of Physics', teaching both on-line and in-class. Writing textbook to accompany class.

**Judge Walter Tolub, Supreme Court of the State of New York,** New York, NY

Legal Intern, January 1997 to June 1998

Writing decisions, legal memoranda, performing general research and assisting with in-court hearings.

**New York County District Attorney's Office,** New York, NY

Paralegal - Early Case Assessment Bureau, February 1997 to April 1997

Processing complaints and arrests, writing informational sheets for Assistant DAs, interviewing Police Officers.

**Ulster County District Attorney's Office,** Kingston, NY

Intern, June 1996 to September 1996

Wrote memoranda of law, observed all facets of criminal court system in Ulster County, interviewed law enforcement officers, performed legal research, worked as the sole intern on People v. Whitehurst.

**National Science Foundation,** Arlington, Va

\*Received Award of Excellence July 1995

Science Education Analyst, March 1994 to July 1995

Developed grant proposal databases, assisted with all phases of grant review process, provided technical computer support, wrote instruction manual for future Science Analysts, assisted in publishing educational grant guides as well as other NSF/DUE literature, and coordinated panel meetings.

**Riverdale Country Day School**, Bronx, NY

Teacher, September 1993 to February 1994

Taught introductory and advanced High-School Physics, upgraded laboratory to be computer integrated.

**Chance Theatre and Great American Auctions**, Poughkeepsie, NY / **Yesterday's Restaurant**, Kingston, NY

Promotions and Advertising Director / Computer Systems Specialist, June 1991 to August 1993

Designed and ran computer systems for each business, designed all promotions and coordinated advertising.

**IBM**, Fishkill, NY

Teacher / Tutor / Lab Instructor, September 1989 to May 1993

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

"Distance Learning: A Non-Threatening Way for the Non-Science Student to Explore Physics"

Winter Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers, January 1996.

"The Use of Interactive Physics in Introductory Physics Laboratories"

Winter Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers, January 1994.

## **WRITING CREDITS**

**International Developer**, December, 2002 to August 2007

Monthly column – my own by-line, my choice of any topic in the video game industry.

## **GAMING INDUSTRY AWARDS**

Editor's Choice Silver Medal for Magi-Nation on the Game Boy Color.

Nominee for Origins Award for Best CCG of the year (Magi-Nation Duel), 2001.

Nominee and runner-up for best CCG of the year (Magi-Nation Duel), Inquest Magazine, 2001.

## **VOLUNTEER and CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

Seattle Green Spaces Coalition – Board Member

Keeping open spaces in public hands and working to forward a green agenda in the city, specifically around issues of environmental stewardship, tree canopy and protecting and expanding citizen access to open and green spaces throughout Seattle.

Allied Arts – Vice President of the Board of Directors. I am responsible for overseeing a wide range of projects including political endorsements, community outreach and event coordination.

CASA of King County – performing work as a court appointed advocate for children, as well as performing fund raising duties for CASA. Helped to create and develop annual wine tasting fund raiser at the Columbia Tower Club in Seattle; performing duties as MC and host for all four years of the event.

SEED Arts – helping to develop and run fund raising and cultural events for Southeast Effective Development in the south end of Seattle.

Seattle Community Court – give frequent talks in diversion program to the participants, pulling from my life experiences and especially on my experiences as a public defender to help the participants fulfill their obligations to the program and to stay crime-free in the future.

West Seattle Senior Center – Candidate to join Board of Directors.

Morgan Junction Association – Vice President. Duties include directing outreach to the Morgan Junction Community, event planning and speaking to neighborhood businesses about being more involved in the community. I also sit on the Southwest Precinct Advisory Council.

West Side Baby - Member of fundraising committee for \$2 million 2016 fundraising drive.

Rotary – Member of West Seattle Rotary since 2008. Formerly Chair of the Communication Committee and Chair of the Entertainment Committee.

#### POLITICAL CANDIDACY

2014 – **Candidate for King County District Court Judge**. Endorsed by the Seattle Times and supported by King County Sheriff John Urquhart. Endorsed by the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats. Rated Exceptionally Well Qualified by the Cardozo Society and by QLAW. Rated Well Qualified by the Latino Bar Association and the Loren Miller Bar Association. Rated Qualified by the Joint Asian Bar Association.

2015 – **Candidate for Seattle City Council for District 1 (West Seattle and South Park)**. Endorsed by the Seattle Times. Endorsed by the Seattle Restaurant Association. Endorsed by the Washington Hospitality PAC. Received 19% of the vote in the Primary, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9 candidates.

2019 – **Candidate for Seattle City Council for District 1 (West Seattle and South Park)**